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Fatal Row on an Excursion.

An excursion over the S. A. L. railroad to Norfolk some days ago carried a crowd that raised a row which resulted in the death of Mr. Will McMark, of Roanoke Rapids.

It seems that Mr. R. L. Smith, of Roanoke Rapids, had charge of a refreshment car, and some who were disposed to drink wished the privilege of the refreshment car for their drinking. He refused them and this brought on the row.

The excursion went to the beach and returning the row occurred at Portsmouth where McMark was shot.

No one could tell who did the shooting but Smith was accused and arrested. McMark was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk where he died Sunday.

So far as has been ascertained Smith and McMark were not antagonists but in the general mix up it could not be ascertained who did the shooting.

Hon. Claude Kitchen, of this place, and Hon. W. E. Daniel, of Weldon, were called to Portsmouth Monday to defend Smith. They returned Tuesday but will go to Portsmouth Saturday for the preliminary hearing.

McMark's body was brought home Monday.

Our Deep Well.

It takes time for developments, and although the deep well in Main street here was sunk nearly two years ago, the people have just commenced to appreciate the fine water which it supplies. The well was sunk to a depth of six hundred feet, and an analysis by the State chemist more than a year ago showed the water to be first-class.

For quite a long time very few persons seemed to care to use the water, for at first use it really is not palatable. Recently, however, the people are using it constantly. Some one said Monday night at 10 o'clock that the pump had been running since 3 o'clock in the morning.

Many persons are sending to the well and carrying the water away to their homes regularly. It is said that a man took a quantity of it with him to Norfolk some days ago.

It has been suggested, and quite properly, that the town spend something on the well in the way of fixing it up and making it somewhat attractive. Some have expressed a desire that the town commissioners would have the well made deeper until a freer flow of water can be had.

Quarterly Conference.

Rev. G. F. Smith, of Littleton, Presiding Elder of this district, preached in the Methodist church Monday night of this week. His sermon was a most practical one on the sin of worrying. The three particularly named sins in worrying are the sin against God, the sin against one's self and the sin against others. The sin of worrying discloses a want of proper faith in God; makes others about one unhappy, and blazes a way for the inroads of disease and premature death to the one who practices it.

The discourse was very helpful and those who heard it went away with many suggestions that will aid them in avoiding many troubles that come from worrying.

After the sermon the church held a conference for the transaction of regular business.

Girls' and Boys' Picnic.

Last Thursday the girls and boys enjoyed a day off in a picnic at White's mill. They all had a good time. They were chaperoned by Misses Margaret Shields and Huldah Josey.

Ice Cream Supper.

The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist church gave an ice cream supper on the church lawn Tuesday night and realized \$21 as a result. The proceeds go to some missionary object which the Sunbeams are interested in.

A TERRIBLE RIOT —AT—

Morrisett Bros.

GREAT SLAUGHTER!

Morrisett Bros. in their wild rage to close
Their Summer Stock
Drew their sabers and cut right and left.

The Poor Lawn Department got two legs cut off, which dropped them down 25 per cent.

The Elegant Slipper Department got three ribs broken and were reduced to actual cost for 15 days.

The High Grade Gingham and Madras Department cried, Peace! Peace! and received a stab in the breast and fell from 12½ to 8c.

The Beautiful Lace Curtains Department tried to quell the riot and got its skull crushed and fell 25 per cent.

The Strong Millinery Department rushed in and got both eyes knocked out and poor Hats, Ribbons, etc., are helpless and at your own price.

The Lovely White Goods Department got terribly frightened and in the scuffle sprained its ankle and fell 33½ per cent.

The Strong Hamburg and Lace Department tried to arrest Morrisett Bros., and they got nine teeth knocked out and one arm broken and were cut to 8c.—15 days

The Grand Hosiery and Underwear Departments got disabled in the last scuffle and are still 12½ and 98c.—15 days.

The Clothing Department declared that there should be order and arose in its might and every single Suit got cut terribly.—15 days.

The Dainty Fan Department screamed for help but got its foot crushed and they are down for 15 days at cost.

The Giant Shirt Department made an assault upon Morrisett Bros., endeavoring to stay their hands, and got cut 10 per cent.—15 days.

The Handsome Straw Hat Department tried to render assistance and got a bullet through the stomach and is in a terrible condition—at your own price.—15 days.

The Loyal Sock Department ran for the police, but before they arrived Morrisett Bros. had done their desperate work and all Summer Stuff had been cut down for 15 days.

The Sweet Soap Department, in its delicacy, hastened for the doctors and they were all called in and bound up the mangled Departments.—15 days.

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Bear in mind that Thursday, Aug. 4, 1904, is a gala day in Windsor, it being Confederate Veterans' Reunion, and that the Wellington & Powellsville R. R. will operate two special passenger trains from Ahsokie at 7:30 a. m. and 11:00 a. m. Very attractive rates and quick service. Returning leaves Windsor at 4:00 p. m. Connections with A. C. L. trains to and from Rocky Mount. For further information call on or address the undersigned or any agent of the company.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

HAVING qualified as administrator of J. W. Bumpas, deceased, all persons indebted to his estate are hereby required to make settlement, and those persons having claims against the same are required to present them for payment on or before July 8, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This July, 1904. S. S. ALSOP,
Administrator of
J. W. Bumpas, decd.

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ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.

North Carolina—Halifax County: This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of William E. Davenport, deceased, to present the same to me or my attorney, W. A. Dunn, on or before the 1st day of August, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This July 6, 1904. FRANCES E. DAVENPORT,
Administratrix of the estate of
William E. Davenport, deceased.